

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A communication assisting apparatus for mediating data transfer between a first data processing apparatus and a second data processing apparatus, comprising:

a first connection unit connected by wire with said first data processing apparatus, said first connection unit receiving data from said first data processing apparatus;

a nonvolatile memory for storing therein the data received by said first connection unit; and

a second connection unit connected by wireless with said second data processing apparatus, said second connection unit transmitting the data read out from said nonvolatile memory to said second data processing apparatus without permission for data reading from the first data processing apparatus,

wherein said second connection unit starts sending data stored in said nonvolatile memory after said first connection unit completes receiving the data and storing the data into said nonvolatile memory in response to receiving a data transfer request from said second data processing apparatus.

2. (Currently amended) The communication assisting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a processing section for reading out the data stored in said nonvolatile memory according to a state of communication with said second data processing apparatus.

3. (Currently amended) The communication assisting apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein said processing section suspends data transfer of the data stored in said nonvolatile memory until communication with said second data processing apparatus is established.

4. (Currently amended) The communication assisting apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said second connection unit receives further data different from the data stored in said nonvolatile memory, by wireless from said second data processing apparatus,

wherein said nonvolatile memory stores therein the further data received by said second connection unit, and

wherein said first connection unit transmits the further data read out from said nonvolatile memory to said first data processing apparatus.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The communication assisting apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said ~~rewritable non-volatile~~ nonvolatile memory stores environmental data for setting operating conditions which is used by said second data processing apparatus,

wherein said processing section further reads out the environmental data upon reading out the data stored in said nonvolatile memory, and

wherein said second connection unit transmits the environmental data read out by said processing section to said second data processing apparatus.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A storage apparatus coupled with a first data processing apparatus by wired communication and with a second data processing apparatus by wireless communication, comprising:

a processing unit;

a first communication interface for the wired communication;

a second communication interface for the wireless communication; and

a nonvolatile storage for storing data,

wherein the processing unit receives data from the first data processing apparatus by the wired communication, stores the data received from the first communication interface to the nonvolatile storage, and

wherein after storing the data, the processing unit is capable of sending the data stored in the nonvolatile storage to the second data processing apparatus and without permission from the first data processing apparatus regarding sending data stored in the nonvolatile storage in response to receiving a data transfer request from the second data processing apparatus.